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Attorney Docket No. DDR 5455-DIV (1417B P 649)

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
 ARNOLD C. BILSTAD, BRADLEY H.)
 BUCHANAN, ALAN W. MARTTILA,)
 and ARCHIE WOODWORTH)
)
 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
 MANIPULATING PRE-STERILIZED)
 COMPONENTS IN AN ACTIVE)
 STERILE FIELD)
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 Mailed: October 4, 2001)

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DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/294,964, filed April 20, 1999. The Applicants of the parent application are Arnold C. Bilstad, Bradley H. Buchanan, Alan W. Marttila, and Archie Woodworth, and it is entitled "Method and Apparatus for Manipulating Pre-Sterilized Components in an Active Sterile Field."

Benefit of Prior U.S. Application

The attached divisional application being transmitted claims the benefit of the prior U.S. application, as indicated below.

Papers Enclosed

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d), the specification filed herewith contains no new matter. While it is a revised version of the specification as originally filed in the prior U.S. application, the revisions are minor (e.g., grammatical changes have been made where appropriate, and other corrections required during prosecution of the parent application). Accordingly, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application is submitted herewith.

The papers attached are as follows:

- 10 pages of Specification;
- 7 pages of Claims;
- 1 page of Abstract; and
- 7 sheets of Formal Drawings containing Figures 1-9.

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Additional Papers Enclosed

A Preliminary Amendment is also attached requesting cancellation in the attached application of Claims 1-17 and 34-56 and adding Claims 57-65 before calculating the filing fee.

A copy of the original Assignment recorded in the parent application is also enclosed.

Declaration or oath (including power of attorney)

As previously stated, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior U.S. application is submitted herewith, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d).

Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same as that for the parent application.

Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Relate Back--35 U.S.C. 120

As required under 35 U.S.C. 120, the Specification of the attached application has been amended to include the following specific reference to the earlier filed parent application:

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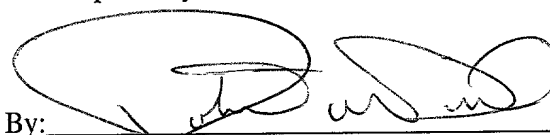
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"This Application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/294,964, filed April 20, 1999, upon which a claim of priority is based."

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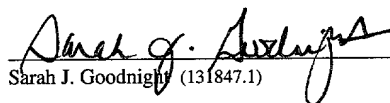
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